

April 1, 2014

Mr. Michael Saffie Jr.

41 Grove Avenue

Salem, NH 03079

Dear Judge Wilkins,

I have known Leonard Degnan for over 20 years and I am writing this letter in the hopes that it will help you see the kind of person Leonard Degnan is. The Lenny I know is a generous , community -minded , family-oriented person. He is dependable and charitable.

We met over 20 years ago when my wife Pierrette and I attended Lawrence City Council meetings. At that time, Lenny was a Lawrence resident and a City Councilor, very concerned about doing the best for Lawrence residents. My wife and I became clients of his Insurance business and developed a friendship. Over the years , we became like family and after my wife passed away in 2001, I visited Lenny at his office or home several times a week. We formed a close friendship and I see Lenny as a loving husband, father, son and brother.

Both of us attend St. Patricks Church where Lenny is an active parishioner. Lenny has always been passionate about helping those in need and is very caring when he sees someone lacking the privileges that most of us enjoy.

He is an active parent in the life of his teenage son making sure he is encouraged with his education and attending sporting events. He also watches over his mother who recently had heart surgery and makes sure his family members are cared for through any medical crisis, taking them to appointments and doing his best for them. Lenny is also a caring neighbor helping one woman who is diabetic and checking on her to be sure she is not having an insulin reaction.

I am 84 years old, a 20 year Army veteran who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. I feel as though I am a pretty good judge of character and in my opinion, Lenny has always treated people fairly. I see him as a kind, loving person.

His incarceration for any length of time would greatly impact and hurt the lives of his family. Therefore, I am respectfully asking the court to consider this when determining his sentence.

Sincerely,

Michael Saffie Jr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Saffie Jr.".